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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **FAISAL ALSALMI CONVICTED OF LYING TO FBI ABOUT KNOWING TERRORIST HANI HANJOUR**

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- Paul K. Charlton, United States Attorney for the District of Arizona, announced today that Faisal Alsalmi, 34, from Saudi Arabia, was found guilty of making false statements to the FBI, by a federal jury at Phoenix, Arizona.

The evidence at trial showed that Alsalmi lied to the FBI for 10 hours on September 18, 2001, about knowing Hani Hanjour, the terrorist believed to have crashed American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.

The defendant is being held pending sentencing.

Faisal Alsalmi, had been charged with violating Title 18, of the United States Code, Section 1001. The case was tried before United States District Court Judge Roslyn O. Silver from February 12-14, 2002.

A conviction for false statements carries a maximum penalty of five years, a \$250,000.00 fine or both.

The investigation leading to the guilty verdict was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sentencing is set before Judge Silver on April 29, 2002 at 1:30 p.m.

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The prosecution is being handled by Peter Sexton, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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